Arrest of two leaders of Islamic Commando Force

7769. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has spread its tentacles far and wide inside this country and two young leaders of an ISI-backed group called Islamic Commando Force (ICF) for carrying out sabotage were recently arrested from their hideout in East Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating their collusion with the Kashmiri militants; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken with results thereof or steps Government propose to take to curb the activities of the ISI personnel in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Pak ISI ordered and abetted activities have been noticed in various parts of the country. As per information received from the State Government of West Bengal, three members of the Islamic Commando Force having links with Hizbul Mujaheddin of Kashmir were arrested from East Calcutta in May, 1994. They are wanted in some cases in West Bengal and Delhi. Government has taken all necessary steps to combat and frustrate objectives of ISI of Pakistan to carry out espionage subversion and sabotage in India by gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, strengthening the deployment of para-military forces at strategic locations, intensified coastal as well as inland patrolling, construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable stretches of the Indo-Pak border. A number of persons have been arrested in the recent past who were suspected to have been working for Pakistan's ISI.

Allotment of land to 1984 Riot Victims

7770. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to allot vacant Government lands in Delhi in small measures with right of ownership to the families of 1984 riot victims with a view to rehabilitate them to begin a new life; and

(b) if so, by when, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No Sir.

(b) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that they already have a scheme to provide alternative accommodation to the riot affected families and under the scheme 2200 cases have been recommended to the Delhi Development Authority (now MCD) Slum Wing for allotment of tenements. Till now 2175 allotments have been made by the MCD and the remaining cases are under process. 670 house sites have been allotted in Rohini Sector-XVI. No eligible case for allotment of tenement is pending.

Over crowding in Police Vans

7771. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the police vans carrying undertrials lodged in Tihar Jail to courts in Delhi are overcrowded which results in suffocation to the undertrials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have so far been taken or proposed to be taken by Government, to avoid such overcrowding in police vans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The